



# COMMUNITY NEWS

**District 2**

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**Teenagers** of this new millennium encounter things teenager 20 and 30 years ago were not concerned with. Unfortunately, we are talking about violence and crime. Did you know that by the time a child reaches their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, they will have witnessed approximately 72,000 murders take place on television. Parents need to be concerned with the safety and welfare of their children and do what they can to enhance their child's safety.

Today, teens are going on Spring Break and Summer Break at a younger age. Instead of these destinations being filled with college students, more resorts are experiencing even a younger crowd..."high school students." Below are some tips parents may consider if they choose to allow their child to go on vacation:

- ☐ Update their contact information
- ☐ Travel in groups of three or more
- ☐ Do not plan to meet anyone you are introduced to on the inter-net
- ☐ You can even have a GPS chip installed



## From The Desk Of Commander Burl Haenel

Many of times planning a vacation means doing a lot of driving on the highway. More and more, road rage is making headlines across the globe. According to a recent article in *Bicycling* magazine, traffic congestion is usually the primary reason cited for acts of road rage. As the country's driving population and the number of cars on the road increase each year, drivers have seen only a 1% increase in the number of roadways in the last ten years. Road rage continues to be a growing concern.

Acts of road rage include speeding, tailgating, flashing headlights, yelling at other drivers, running stop signs or traffic lights, and weaving in and out of traffic. However, according to a study published by the American Automobile Association (AAA) in 1997, 37% of road rage drivers used firearms against another driver, 28% used other weapons, and 35% used their car as a weapon against another driver. The numbers continue to increase.

On behalf of the Scottsdale Police Department, I want to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Summer!

Sincerely,

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Bullying goes on in every school, but it's the way its dealt with which makes the difference between life being tolerable or a misery. Bullies are very cunning and have become experts at getting away with acts of violence.

Bullies can frighten children so they do not want to go to school. The child pretends to be ill to avoid any confrontation with the bully. When children are bullied, it is important they tell a friend, a teacher and the parents. At times, the local police department should know about the situation. It won't stop unless the child notifies someone to do something about it.

Bullying can start as early as the first grade. The threats become more violent as the child gets older. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bullying becomes more vocal and more threats are carried out. Bullying has reached epidemic proportions in American schools and communities.

- ❑ An estimated 160,000 children miss school every day out of fear of being bullied
- ❑ Sixty six percent of the youth are teased at least once a month and thirty-three percent are bullied once a month
- ❑ Six out of ten Americans witness bullying in school every day
- ❑ Nearly one third of middle school students have been the object of sexual jokes, comments or gestures. Another fifteen percent have been bullied or harassed because of their religion or race
- ❑ One out of every ten child who drops out of school does it as a result of being bullied
- ❑ Victims of bullying are more likely to suffer physical problems such as colds and coughs, sore throats, poor appetites and night walking

If you would like to learn more about keeping your teen safe, please call officer Mark Ruffennach at (480) 312-5696 for questions or to schedule a program. Other topics to consider in addition to the above are: dating, road rage, media, and cyber-world.

## MAILBOX TIPS

This is the time of year many people receive their tax refunds in the mail. Be sure to check for your mail regularly as a safety precaution and follow these simple tips:

- ❑ If your mail stops, check with the Post Office. Sometimes a fraud perpetrator submits a change of address in an attempt to get your mail.
- ❑ If you apply for a new card and it does not arrive, contact the issuer.
- ❑ Never give out your Social Security number unless you made the contact yourself.
- ❑ Invest in a shredder and SHRED or destroy all mail solicitations, pre-approved offers, old bills or statements before trashing them.
- ❑ Remove your mail promptly from your mailbox and NEVER use your mailbox for outgoing mail.

## Calendar of Events

### SAFETY FAIR

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 10am to 2pm  
**Albertson's Parking Lot** – Hayden / Indian Bend  
Safety Booths, Finger Printing, Live Entertainment, Climbing Wall and yes...  
da "CLOWNS" and much more!!!  
**\*\*\*Be sure to bring your camera\*\*\***

## The Scottsdale Police Department Wants You!



The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at [www.Scottsdalepd.com](http://www.Scottsdalepd.com) or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384, or e-mail: [gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov).